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SUBJECT: GABON: UNSCR 1718 DEMARCHE DELIVERED

REF: A. STATE 169418

[1](#)B. STATE 172816

Classified By: DCM Katherine Dhanani. Reason 1.5 (b) and (d).

Charge delivered Ref A demarche October 11 to MFA Director for International Organizations Wilfrid Ontchanga and followed up October 18 while delivering Ref B demarche. Ontchanga assured Charge that Gabon shares the USG's grave concern about North Korea's conduct. Although he had transmitted Ref A request for a statement to Minister Ping, he had no response, and noted that Gabonese diplomacy has no tradition of using public statements as a tool. Gabon generally prefers discrete, personal approaches.
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